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Regulations of the KEIPEI

( Imperial Ordinance No. 337  
dated Nov. 29, 1898 (Meiji 31) )

Chapter I. General Provisions

Art.1. The KEIPEI shall be under the jurisdiction of the Minister of War, and shall primarily control the military police and concurrently the administrative and judicial police.

Art.2. In the execution of his duties, the KEIPEI shall take orders from the Minister of War and the Minister of the Navy in regard to military police matters; from the Home Minister regarding administrative police matters; and from the Minister of Justice regarding judicial police matters. Concerning military police, matters in Korea, he shall be under the command of the Commander of the Army in Korea; in Formosa, the Commander of the Army in Formosa; in the Kwantung Leased Territory, the Commander of the Kwantung Army. Regarding administrative and judicial police matters, orders shall be received in Korea from the Governor General of Korea; in Formosa, from the Governor General of Formosa; in the Kwantung Leased Territory, from the Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador Plenipotentiary to Manchukuo; in the South Sea Islands, from the Minister of Greater East Asia.

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Art. 3. In dealing with cases concerning the administrative and judicial police, the KEIPEI shall follow the direction of the Superintendent General of the Metropolitan Police, the Governor of Hokkaido, Prefectural Governors, Public Prosecutors, the Prefectural Governors of the Government-General of Korea, the Public Prosecutors of the Government-General of Korea, the Prefectural Governors of the Government-General of Formosa, the Directors of Boards of the same, the Public Prosecutors of the Courts of Justice of the same, the Kwantung Governor, the Prosecutors of the Kwantung Courts of Justice, the Governor of Saghalien, the Governor of the South Sea Islands and the Prosecutors of the South Sea Islands Government.

Regarding the enforcement of laws or ordinances relative to fortification zones and areas with defense installations in the Kwantung Province, the KEIPEI shall receive orders from the Fortress Commandant or the government offices which is in charge of executing such duties; regarding the enforcement of Military Regulations in the Harbors and Army Transport, the Director of the Army Transport Department; regarding the enforcement of Naval Base and Station Regulations and Port Arthur Regulations, the Naval District Commandant or the Guard District Commandant, or the government offices

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which is in charge of executing such duties.

With respect to the military police relative to the defense of districts, the KEIPEI in Japan proper, shall receive orders from the Army Commander or Divisional Commanders; in Korea, from the Divisional Commander; in Formosa, from the Commander of the Garrison Unit in Formosa; and in Saghalien, from the senior commander of the forces located there.

In case of such an isolated fortress that the provisions in the preceding paragraphs cannot be applied, the Minister of War shall stipulate.

Art. 4. The KEIPEI shall accept immediately any demand in regard to his duties whenever it is made by those who have the proper authority.

Art. 5. The KEIPEI shall not resort to arms except in cases stated below:

1. When an act of violence is committed upon him.
2. When there is no other means available than using arms, or when he may be unable to overcome resistance without using arms, in defense of the land which he occupies, or the place or the person he is entrusted to protect.



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Chapter II. Disposition and the Staff

Art. 6. KEMPEI Headquarters shall be established at Tokyo; the KEMPEI Unit Headquarters for the Northern Districts, at Sapporo; KEMPEI Unit Headquarters in Korea, at Seoul; KEMPEI Unit Headquarters in Formosa, at Taihoku. One KEMPEI Unit shall be assigned to each KEMPEI Unit District and to which they shall be assigned on determination of the Minister of War.

Art. 6-<sup>a</sup>. KEMPEI Headquarters shall have whatever sections required.

The allotment of duties to each section shall be fixed by the Minister of War.

Art. 7. Each KEMPEI Unit shall be divided into a headquarters and squads, with the exception of the KURE KEMPEI Unit and the MAIZURU KEMPEI Unit.

The Minister of War may set up detachments in the KURE KEMPEI Unit, the MAIZURU KEMPEI Unit, or each KEMPEI Squad.

The location of each KEMPEI Unit Headquarters, the KURE KEMPEI Unit and the MAIZURU KEMPEI Unit, as well as the location and district of each Squad shall be fixed by the Minister of War, with the exception of Korea where the Commander of the Army in Korea shall do so; Formosa, where the Commander of the Army in Formosa shall do so; and in the Kwantung Leased

Territory where the Commander of the Kwantung Army shall do so.

Art. 8. The KEMPEI staff of Headquarters shall consist of the following personnel:

KEMPEI Commandant, Headquarters Chief, Chiefs of Sections, Adjutant, Member Officers, Members attached to Headquarters, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Junior Civil Officials.

The staff of KEMPEI Unit Headquarters for Northern Districts shall consist of the following personnel:

Commander of the KEMPEI Unit for the Northern Districts, Adjutant, Member Officers, Members attached to the unit, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Junior Civil Officials.

The staff of the KEMPEI Unit Headquarters in Korea shall consist of the following personnel:

Commander of the KEMPEI Unit in Korea, Adjutant, Member Officers, Members attached to the unit, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Junior Civil Officials.

The staff of the KEMPEI Unit Headquarters in Formosa shall consist of the following personnel:

Commander of the KEMPEI Unit in Formosa, Adjutant, Member Officers, Members attached to the Unit, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Junior Civil Officials.

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The staff of a KEMPEI Unit shall consist of the following personnel, except that the KURE and the MAIZURU KEMPEI Unit shall not have any KEMPEI Squad:

KEMPEI Unit Commander, Adjutant, KEMPEI Squad leader, Officers attached to the KEMPEI Unit, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, KEMPEI Lance-Corps. A detachment shall have a detachment leader.

Art. 9. When the necessity arises, the Minister of War may temporarily detach a part of a KEMPEI Unit to places other than the district to which assigned; the Commanders of the Armies in Korea, Formosa and the Kwantung Leased Territory also may temporarily detach a part of the KEMPEI Unit respectively located in Korea, Formosa and Kwantung Leased Territory.

#### Chapter III. Duties.

Art.10. The KEMPEI Commandant shall control the various KEMPEI forces and superintend business at the KEMPEI Headquarters.

Art.10-B. The KEMPEI Unit Commander for the Northern Districts shall be under the command of the KEMPEI Commandant, control the KEMPEI Units in the Northern Army Districts and administer the business of the Headquarters of the KEMPEI Unit for the Northern Districts.

Art.11. The KEMPEI Unit Commander in Korea shall be under the command of the KEMPEI Commandant, control the KEMPEI



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Units in Korea and administer the business of the Headquarters of the KEMPEI Units in Korea.

Art.11-B. The KEMPEI Unit Commander in Formosa shall be under the command of the KEMPEI Commandant, control the KEMPEI Units in Formosa and administer the business of Headquarters of the KEMPEI Unit in Formosa.

Art.11-C. The Chief of Headquarters of the KEMPEI Headquarters shall assist the KEMPEI Commandant and get all business of the Headquarters into order.

Art.11-D. Each Section-Chief of KEMPEI Headquarters shall take orders from the KEMPEI Commandant and shall administer the business of each of their respective sections.

Art.12. The KEMPEI Unit Commander (except the Commanders of the KURE KEMPEI Unit and the MAIZURU KEMPEI Unit) shall control the Squads under their command, designate the methods of carrying on their duties and administer the business of their Unit.

In respect to military police matters concerning the defense of districts, the KEMPEI Unit Commanders in TOKYO, OSAKA and KURUME, besides the matters stipulated in the preceding paragraph, shall command the other KEMPEI Unit Commanders in the Army Districts where the concerned KEMPEI Units are located respectively. The KEMPEI Unit Commander of the KURE or the MAIZURU KEMPEI Units shall command and superintend their subordinates, designate the methods of execution of their

duties and administer business in their Unit.

Art.13. The Adjutant, Warrant Officers, Warranters attached to Headquarters and Officers attached to KEMPEI Units shall be under the command of their respective superiors and administer the business under their charge.

Art.14. (Deleted)

Art.15. The KEMPEI Squad Leader shall command and supervise his subordinates, designate the methods of execution of their duties and manage the business of his Squad.

Art.16. The Detachment Leader shall command and supervise his subordinates and conduct the business under his charge.

Art.17. Warrant officers, Non-commissioned officers, Junior civil officials and KEMPEI Lance-Cpls. shall carry on their duties under the command of their superiors.

Art.17-B. There will be KEMPEI Superior Privates in a KEMPEI Unit.

Art.18. KEMPEI Auxiliaries may be attached to a KEMPEI Unit.

Treatment for KEMPEI Auxiliaries shall correspond to KEMPEI Non-commissioned Officer, KEMPEI Lance-Cpl. or army Private according to his duties.

Art.19. Regulations concerning the duties of the KEMPEI shall be determined by each Minister concerned, excepting those concerning the military police in Korea which shall be determined by the Commander of the Army in Korea; Formosa, by the Commander of the Army in Formosa; Kwantung Province, by the Commander of the Kwantung Army; those regarding the administrative and judicial



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police shall be determined in Korea by the Governor-General of Korea; in Formosa by the Governor-General of Formosa; in Kwantung Province by the Ambassador.

Art.20. Regulations concerning KEMPEI Auxiliaries shall be determined by the Minister of War.

#### Supplementary Provisions

Art.21. (Deleted)

Art.22. (Deleted)

Art.23. The present Ordinance shall be put into force on December 1st, 1898 (Meiji 31).

#### Supplementary Provisions

(Imperial Ordinance No.397)  
of 1919 (Taisho 8).

The present Ordinance shall become effective from the day of promulgation.

The Regulations of the KEMPEI stationed in Korea shall be abolished.

#### Supplementary Provisions

(Imperial Ordinance No.875)  
of 1943 (Showa 18).

The present Ordinance shall become effective from the day of promulgation.

Imperial Ordinance No.441 of 1922 (Taisho 12) shall be amended as follows:

Under "the KEMPEI Commandant" in the second paragraph of Article 1 and in the first paragraph of Article 2, "the Commander of the KEMPEI Unit of the Northern Districts" shall be added.

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